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W. C. Ford; Kentucky's Contribution to Indiana, by Prof. James R. Robertson; Organizing a State, by Logan Esarey; Early Railroad Building in Indiana, by Ralph Blank (only a small part of this is printed); Civil War Politics in Indiana, by Charles Kettleborough; Personal Genesis of the Monroe Doctrine, by ex-Governor William A. McCorkle; and a Hoosier Domesday, by Prof. Frederick L. Paxton.

THROUGH the courtesy of Mrs. Benjamin D. Walcott, 1455 North Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, vice regent of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union, the SURVEY has received the *Annual Report* of that association. This is a nation-wide organization to look after and improve Mt. Vernon. The purpose is to restore the grounds to the condition they were in about 1790 and maintain them as nearly in that condition as possible. There were last year 127,203 visitors to the grounds.

THE university library recently received from one of its alumni a copy of Prof. Richard Owen's farewell address to Indiana University. The title of the address is "Happiness and Home, Temporal and Eternal", and it was delivered at the college chapel May 11, 1879. An audience could hardly be held together to listen to such an address now, but nothing so clearly marks the difference between college life then and now, and between the college students then and now as these old addresses. The librarian is always very glad to receive such papers.

Biennial Report of the Secretary of State for the Term Ending September 30, 1916. By HOMER L. COOK, Secretary of State. Fort Wayne.

THE first section of this report deals with the financial business transacted by the department. The receipts for the two years total \$815,411.76. This money was collected from taxes on motor vehicles, dealers' licenses, chauffeurs' licenses, taxes on foreign and domestic corporations and the sale of *Supreme Court Reports*. The receipts are in the form of fees. There follow in the report lists of the State officers, their

terms, salaries, State departmental registers, members of boards and commissions and State employees generally. A historical register gives lists of the principal State officers since 1816; the different congressional apportionments since 1821 and the congressmen from each district; the electoral vote since 1820; counties, county seats and populations, governor's proclamations; judicial and county officers; abstract of the votes at the November election, 1916; and a list of the members of the General Assembly for 1916. The volume of 240 pages contains a vast amount of information concerning the official organization and work of the State government.

Fortieth Annual Report of the Department of Geology and Natural Resources of Indiana, 1915. By EDWARD BARRETT, State Geologist. Indianapolis.

AFTER a brief general introduction by the State geologist there follow a History of Indiana During the Glacial Period, by Harry W. Wood; Soil Surveys of Wells County, of Grant County, of White County, of Starke County, and of Fountain County; geological surveys of Dearborn County, of Jefferson County, and of Greene County; and a chapter on Oil and Gas. The department either alone or in coöperation with the United States Department of Agriculture has made soil surveys of all but seventeen counties of the State. Each article is written by a specialist who acted as field assistant to the geologist, and is illustrated by a large scale map. The volume has 279 pages and a good index.

Report of the Proceedings of the Indiana Horticultural Society for the Year 1915. By M. W. RICHARDS, Secretary. pp. 504. Indianapolis.

THE society held its fifty-fifth annual meeting in Tomlinson Hall at Indianapolis, November 8-12, 1915. The report contains the proceedings of this meeting. The greatest event of the year for this society, and one of the events of State-wide interest each year is the apple show, of which a full account is given in the volume. However, the chief popular value of the volume is in the two score or more of papers prepared by ex-